

BUSINESS REVIVAL APPEARS GENERAL

Optimistic Reports from Many Parts Of The Country.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—A business revival which will shortly restore general prosperity and give employment to thousands of workers now unemployed is on throughout the country. James Simpson, general manager of Marshall Field & Co., largest dry goods dealers in the world, said in an interview here tonight.

Simpson expressed the belief that prices to the retailer and consumer have struck bottom.

Country merchants, Simpson said, have already started to buy heavily in expectation of a busy spring season.

"If retail distribution continues at its present rate, there is no question but that the textile mills of the country will be operating to capacity in a very short time, a condition which will materially aid in restoring general prosperity," said Simpson.

Simpson said the month of January showed excellent distribution of surplus held by retailers in all parts of the country.

"This was backed up," he said, "by the increased number of orders which have been received during the month and by large number of retailers who have visited wholesale houses."

"Merchants state that their stocks are in a healthy condition and that they are in a position to continue placing orders in considerable volume. Substantial orders for spring merchandise are being received and some lines of cotton goods are already sold up."

"Our cotton textile manufacturing plants are operating to capacity and indications are that they will continue to do so throughout the year."

Simpson predicted a heavy buying public this spring.

Orders for Easter finery, he said, are flooding retailers who are not hesitating to buy new things.

CARTHAGE HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS MT. VERNON TEAM

Carthage High school debaters won over Mount Vernon High school in an inter-high school debating contest at Carthage Friday night, the judges' decision being two to one in favor of the Carthage team, who defended the negative side of the question, "Resolved that a federal law providing compulsory arbitration between employer and employee is feasible." In order to win the championship for Southwest Missouri the Carthage team now has only one more debate to win. Judges for the contest were Professor John Boyd of the State Teachers college, Professor L. E. Meador of Drury college faculty and Professor L. L. St. Clair of Webb City.

MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Masonic Building Association met in annual session Monday night at the Masonic hall, and the stockholders re-elected J. J. Davis as one of directors. The directors elected the following officers: F. M. Shriver, president; J. F. King, vice president; J. J. Davis, treasurer; Sig Solomon, secretary. The officers are the same as the ones last year, with the exception of Mr. Davis being elected treasurer in place of G. W. Finn.

WEST McDOWELL

Ray Jackson visited Arlie Inman Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thomas visited I. C. Inman and family Thursday afternoon.

Olaf Clement and Burl Goodnight attended the play at Arnhart Friday night.

Troy Terrell attended meeting at Mt. Grove Saturday night.

Hilbert Hutchens visited Pude Morlan Saturday night.

Jim Fly, Major Inman and Slim Henderson attended the play at Arnhart Friday night.

Robert Drake and Lonnie Jackson, of Aurora were Monett visitors Sunday evening.

Mrs. Walter Perry will be hostess to the 600 Club this evening at her home, No. 605 Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Propst of Hal-lowell, Kans., are the guests of C. C. Miller and family. They are on their way home from a visit with Mr. Propst's mother at Paris, Ill.

Em Graves of Monett has purchased the Roten place 1/4 mile south of the Forest Grove school house. He will not move to same until he disposes of his property at Monett.—Ozark Times. (Rocky Comfort.)

Roe Grammer, on South Madison, has a strawberry patch that is in bloom and some of the fruit has already begun to set. This patch is always early but it is beating the record this year. The fruit men are all more or less alarmed for fear the sap will come up in the trees to such an extent that a very small freeze will kill it.—Aurora Advertiser.

CONSOLIDATION OF TWO SPRINGFIELD BANKS

Springfield, February 6.—The proposed merger of the Holland Banking company and the Bank of Commerce, two of the biggest financial institutions in Southwest Missouri, was completed yesterday at a joint meeting of the board of directors.

The consolidation of the two banks will be effective tomorrow morning. Both boards of directors voted unanimously to retain the name "Holland Banking Company," as a result of the institution having been in existence for 45 years.

The active officers in the new bank follow:

E. N. Ferguson, president, E. L. Sanford, vice president; J. L. Hines, vice president H. D. Silsby, vice president; G. S. Mitchell, vice president; C. E. Randall, cashier; E. G. Rathbone, assistant cashier; C. F. Wright, assistant cashier.

KINGS HERALDS ARE ENTERTAINED

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church gave an entertainment at the church parlors Monday night for the Kings Heralds.

The Heralds are doing excellent work. Sixteen of the members received a booklet, "A Story in Stamps." Each one receiving the booklet had earned at least two stamps. The stamps are given for payment of dues, securing new members, subscriptions to the "Junior Friend," sale of milk bottles and French rolls, and a minimum of fifty cents in the mite box. The society has just completed the sale of milk bottles for which they made \$28.00. Miss Dixie Gulick made the largest sales and made \$4.80. The money is to be used for the orphan babies of India.

After rendering an interesting program the members of the Kings Heralds were served with ice cream and cake. A long table was set and was decorated with the Herald colors and emblems of the work. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

WOULD EXEMPT PRESIDENT FROM PAYING INCOME TAX

Washington, Feb. 7.—The first move to exempt the salary of the president from income taxes, was made in the house today by Representative Pell, democrat of New York, who introduced a bill to exempt not only the \$75,000 salary of the president, but also the salary of the vice president. Beginning next March 4, the president will have to pay an income tax of about \$8,000 a year unless special exemption legislation is enacted.

Mrs. E. L. Hagler was reported a little better today.

Mrs. George Edgar entertained the Auction Bridge Club at her home this afternoon.

OZARK FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETINGS

J. W. Stroud, secretary and treasurer of the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association passed through the city Sunday enroute to his home at Rogers Ark., and he gave a list of dates for a series of meetings to be held with the local Associations in the Ozark territory by the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association this month. A meeting of the Farmers and Fruit Growers' Association was held at Neosho, Saturday, at which Mr. Stroud was present, and he reported a profitable and interesting session. Following is a list of other meetings, to be held this month:

Marionville Fruit Growers Association and Logan Fruit Growers Association, Marionville, Mo., Friday, February 11th.

Webb City Fruit Growers Association, Webb City, Mo., Saturday, February 12th.

Garfield Fruit Growers Association, Garfield, Ark., Monday, February 14th.

Aurora Fruit Growers Association, Aurora, Mo., Tuesday, February 15th.

Mt. Vernon Fruit Growers Association, Mt. Vernon, Mo., Wednesday, February 16th.

Monett Berry Growers Union, Monett, Mo., Thursday, February 17th.

Peirce City Fruit Growers Association, Peirce City, Mo., Friday, February 18th.

Apple Growers Meeting, Rogers, Ark., Saturday, February 19th.

Avoca Fruit Growers Association, Avoca, Mo., Monday, February 21st.

Seneca Fruit Growers Association, Seneca, Mo., Tuesday, February 22nd.

Aroma Fruit Growers Association, Aroma, Mo., Wednesday, February 23rd.

Southwest City Fruit Growers Association Southwest City, Mo., Thursday, February 24th.

Decatur Fruit Growers Association, Decatur, Ark., Friday, February 25th.

Goodman Fruit Growers Association, Goodman, Mo., Saturday, February 26th.

Gentry Fruit Growers Association, Gentry, Ark., Monday, February 28th.

Siloam Springs Fruit Growers, Siloam Springs, Ark., Tuesday, March 1st.

SECOND ARREST IN ARSON CASE

Sheridan McCormick Charged with Burning of Home; his Mother Also Being Held.

The city hall was packed to its capacity Tuesday for the trial of Mary McCormick, charged with purposely setting fire to her home east of town. The case, set for one o'clock in justice court, was not tried, but was set forward to Friday morning, February 11, at eight o'clock. No evidence was taken, although all the witnesses in the case were present. The case will be tried before Judge D. Wilkerson.

Mrs. McCormick was arrested February 2 on complaint of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance company, charging her with setting fire to her house in order to get the insurance that was carried on the property. She received \$1,000 from the insurance company, before their suspicions were aroused. She was arrested, and was released after giving a bond of \$3,000, furnished by her attorney J. E. Sater.

Shortly before noon Tuesday a warrant was issued for the arrest of her son, Sheridan McCormick, charged jointly with his mother, in assisting to destroy the house. A separate bond was fixed, and was furnished by J. E. Sater, his mother, Mrs. Mary McCormick, his brother, Raymond McCormick, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin.

Both cases will be heard February 11.

Harry Lloyd and Jim Harbour made a business trip to Springfield, Monday.

Mrs. Mary Dameron and Mrs. Hulda Reeves were Springfield visitors, Sunday.

Dr. R. F. Whitlock will attend a meeting of state veterinarians at Kansas City this week.

E. E. Benbrook, of north of town was here on business Saturday and renewed his subscription for the Times.

Joseph Williams, of east of town, was here on business Saturday. He is advertising his father's farm of eighty acres for sale.

Mrs. Armitage, of Springfield, arrived Sunday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caase, north of town.

Miss Medah Nordin visited in Carthage, Sunday.

Brewer Burg has returned home from a short visit in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Matthews were visitors in Peirce City, Monday.

Oliver Williams was a business visitor in Webb City, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gotta entertained at dinner Sunday January 30, Mrs. Esther Murphy, Mrs. Josie Heyburn, Vincent Murphy and Gene Murphy.

Mrs. J. E. Sater and daughter, Ruth Mrs. Jack Donlay and son, Carol, spent Sunday with John Short at Peirce City.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs, 15 for \$1.50; 30 for \$2.50. Phone 462. E. A. O'Dwyer. W. S. Bolinger, R. F. D. 3, Monett. w23t4

L. B. Durnell left Monday morning for Picher, Okla.

Fred Salzer transacted business at Picher, Okla., Monday.

Judge A. W. Thomas went to Cassville, Monday, to attend court.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Davis spent Sunday with relatives at Neosho.

Mrs. Roy Avery, of Picher, Okla., visited between trains, Friday evening with Mrs. Lulu Tutt, No. 810 Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Counts, of Tulsa, Okla., are visiting relatives in this city. They are planning to go from here to Paris, Texas.

Mrs. A. L. Granger is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Judd, at Riegley.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Taylor and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Exposito at Berwick Sunday.

Mrs. Dugan and little daughter, of Marshfield, are visiting Mrs. S. G. Bouldin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mace Jacques and their trimmer, Miss Loretta Fox, left Sunday morning for St. Louis to buy Spring and Summer millinery and also their spring and summer line of suits and dresses.

Mrs. J. R. Aulgur, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Earl Aulgur, left Saturday night for Dallas, Texas, having been called there by the serious illness of J. P. Curry, a brother of Mrs. J. R. Aulgur.

Pete Stolle returned Sunday night from St. Louis, where he visited his nephew, Oswald Stolle, who is recovering from injuries received a few days ago when he was run over by a truck. The little fellow is seven years old, and was sent by his mother after a daily paper, and at the corner of Cass avenue and Broadway was run over by a large truck belonging to the Blank Candy Company. He was taken to a hospital and his right limb was taken off just above the knee, his left ankle was crushed, and twelve inches around his skull was fractured. He has been in a serious condition, but is getting along nicely.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Publicity Committee.

Last fall several Winston's simplified dictionaries were bought for the schools and were installed in the high school library and in the upper grades of the elementary schools. They have proved so popular with the students and teachers that arrangements are being made to order others and install them in the Central school, library and elsewhere.

Miss Foster's home economics department served over fifty students at noon Monday. The students are very well pleased with this service and are rapidly increasing their patronage.

The publicity committee of the Monett Community Teachers Association will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock to discuss some very important problems. Mrs. Olga Hess Galloway is chairman of the committee. Miss Mae Donohue and Miss Marguerite Burg are the other members of the committee.

There was a meeting of the librarians Monday at noon. They discussed plans for making change in the present card index system. The library and librarians are under Miss Donohue's supervision. Irene Noblet is chief librarian and her assistants are Clara Bell Kersey, Arthur Smith, Burt Johnson, Kathryn Robbins and Fern Breece. Clara Bell Kersey and Kathryn Robbins recently succeeded Elizabeth Kersey and Louise Rice.

In Thursday's Citizenship class, Professor Engleman divided the class into teams of two each and assigned to each team the task of investigating some local economic condition. Each team will be required to hand in the results of their investigations in the form of a type-written pamphlet. Every Friday Mr. Engleman will receive a report of the activities of each team during the week, and every two weeks the class will meet and will make a study of local economic conditions. Following is a list of the subjects assigned to each team and the names of the teams:

1. Poverty and Pauperism, Margaret Chapell and Elizabeth Kiersey.
2. Crime, Walter Reynaud and Vernon Chumbley.
3. Unemployment, James Swartzel and Oliver Young.
4. Churches, Grace Richardson and Florence Hobbs.
5. Factories, Durward Gooch and Earl McCubbin.
6. Non-Essential Business, Milton Reynaud and Fred Steele.
7. Wages, Alfred Richardson and Paul Wilson.
8. Hours of Work, Lee Polson and Sidney Timmons.
9. Child Labor, Erwin Floreth and George Reed.
10. Publication, Oral McCubbin and Homer Counts.
11. Amusements, Ruth Mahoney and Faye Baum.
12. Education, Clara Ellis and Alma Polson.
13. Disease, Sickness, etc., Burl Henderson and Leslie Stevenson.
14. Sanitary Conditions, Maggie Davis and Ruth Wilhelm.
15. Insanity, Imbeciles, Ruth Feist and Carol Donlay.

Mrs. Meador's senior Teacher's Training class made a trip to Plymouth Thursday morning. Their object was to study the teaching of arithmetic. They were very well pleased with the school and the instructors.

Mrs. Meador's Teacher Training class hiked out to the Pleasant Dale school house Friday, in order to make a complete study of conditions in the school and stayed all morning. Harlan McCoy, a high school graduate, had charge and the class was well pleased with his work and that of his students. At noon they enjoyed a wienie roast. They walked back to town when school let out.

Mr. Capps made an interesting talk in assembly Monday morning on his trip to Jefferson City. He described the capitol, the manner in which the legislators pass the laws and told of his personal experience while there.

Mr. Engleman's Junior English class has taken up the study of the construction of orations. They have also taken up the study of a model American oration, Webster's "Bunker Hill Oration".

The executive committee of the H-Y club has been busy all week preparing plans to meet every other week at the Y. M. C. A. and so have been unable to prepare a program for today. They have postponed the meeting until next Wednesday.

Mr. Capps, with the assistance of several of the boys, has been very busy recently doing some research work in connection with the County Unit Bill.

Floyd McIntosh and family and Mrs. Sarah McIntosh, of Purdy, were in town Saturday night.

CHARGED WITH WIFE ABANDONMENT

Monett Man is Apprehended at Fort Worth, Tex., and Brought Here For Trial

Louis Balden, charged with wife abandonment, was taken in charge at Ft. Worth, Texas, by Sheriff Roberts and was brought back to Monett Tuesday morning in custody of the Sheriff. He was taken before Judge J. L. Hobbs and his case was set for Tuesday, February 22. He was released under a bond \$500, which was furnished by James E. Sater and M. E. Gillioz.

Mr. Balden was formerly owner of the Commercial Cafe, and a few weeks ago left the city. He had borrowed a large sum of money at the Central State bank, and the bank holding a chattel mortgage against the Cafe, took over the business. It was sold a few days ago to Frank Chapin.

MRS. M'KEE A HOSTESS

Mrs. L. D. McKee, No. 609 Third street, was hostess to the High Five Club Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hugh Williams received first prize and Mrs. McKee received second prize. Club members present were Mesdames A. Cole, Fred Campbell, E. M. Carr, W. T. Dailey, T. J. Dwyer, H. E. Davies, George Edgar, Ed Hogan, J. D. Heyburn, Pete Martin, Thos. Markwell, P. J. Martin, Claud White, W. A. Wightman, L. Welsh, Hugh Williams and Sig Solomon.

MRS. H. J. SOLOMON DEAD

Mrs. H. J. Solomon, of Peirce City, died at her home on North Myrtle street at 10:15 o'clock Saturday morning. Her death was caused from cancer.

Funeral services were held from o'clock and burial was made in the home Sunday afternoon at two Peirce City cemetery.

Mrs. Solomon had lived with her family in Peirce City for nearly forty years. She was about 65 years old. She is survived by her husband, a wheat buyer for the Peirce City Grain Elevator company, her mother, Mrs. Dockery, a daughter, Mrs. V. T. Whitson, who made her home with her, and two sons, J. E. Solomon, of Kansas City, and W. E. Solomon, of Oklahoma City.

JOE BOBSKI ARRESTED

Chief of Police Joe Jackson arrested Joe Bobski, Friday morning, for renting the rooms over his harness shop to Mrs. Kate Ragsdale for immoral purposes. Mr. Bobski was warned by officials of the character of the woman before the rooms were rented to her. She was arrested a short time ago, and the trial is pending.

Shoppers for spring clothing are agreeably surprised at the great reduction in price of some articles. Some articles are about half the price that they were last year. This ought to stimulate trade.

There will be more building this spring than for some time past. There has been a decided reduction in the cost of building materials and the lumber men say that the cost of production is considerably less. Plans for a number of nice homes have been drawn and the citizens are only waiting for prices to get back to reasonable figures to begin building operations. An extensive building campaign is badly needed here as there is a great shortage of houses of the better class.

A BOOSTER OR A ROOSTER

Dad Smith in "The Business Printer," says that a booster is a man who works earnestly for the betterment of his business, his family, his friend, his town and his organization. A rooster is a man who flaps his wings and crows loudly over success after someone else has done all the hard work.

Now is the time to make plans for beautifying your home. View your lawn, back yard and alley with a critical eye and see where you can improve it this summer. And while beautifying your own alley, don't throw your trash on some one else's property.

Monett is much cleaner than in former years, but there are yet places where trash is allowed to accumulate. Set your neighbor an example by cleaning your premises and keeping them clean.

BARGAIN AT HOME

There is no need to go to the city to look for bargains. Monett merchants have them right here at home, as a careful reading of the advertisements in the local papers will show. Railroad women who have gone to St. Louis to trade have returned home to buy, saying that Monett has better goods at a more reasonable price than they found in the city. The Monett merchants support the local institutions and our citizens should at least give them a chance to furnish their goods before looking elsewhere.

SUPT. CAPPS REPORTS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Superintendent Guy H. Capps of the Monett schools returned Sunday from Jefferson City, where he attended the annual conference of Missouri city and county superintendents of schools. Superintendent W. E. Hankins of Cassville and Superintendent G. L. Humphrey of Peirce City also attended the conference. Mr. Capps, in speaking of the conference said:

"The conference was devoted chiefly to consideration of the educational bills that are now before the legislature. The county unit bill, the physical education bill, and the plans for larger school revenues are the most important features of the educational legislative program. All these are being strongly supported by Governor Hyde, who will use his influence to secure their passage."

"A joint hearing before the House and Senate Committees on Education was held Wednesday night on the County Unit bill. This bill embodies a modern plan for re-organizing the whole system of organizing and supporting the rural schools. It is simply an attempt to apply modern methods to the management of our school affairs. Only twelve states still hold to the old small district plan that we have in Missouri, which served well under pioneer conditions but has been outgrown. Nearly half of the states have adopted the county unit plan, which has never been abandoned by a state that has tried it. Only three states east of the Mississippi river still hold to the small district plan."

"The county unit plan has been advocated for Missouri conditions for many years by leading educators. The bill was before the legislature two years ago, and it is believed that it will become a law this year."

CATTLE MEN OF FIVE STATES TALK BUSINESS

The Neodesha Daily Sun, of which C. P. Beebe is editor, reports the following interview with W. W. Campbell of Monett.

"W. W. Campbell, Frisco passenger conductor tells the Sun of the meeting of the Southwestern Jersey Cattle Breeders' association, at Springfield, Mo., recently. There were 200 delegates present from Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, at which various phases of the dairy industry were discussed. Many prominent cattle men were speakers at the meetings and all present were very much encouraged over the prospects for the dairy business in the future."

"Clarence E. Randall, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, of Springfield delivered an address, during which he explained the proposed system of financing the development of the dairy industry in the Ozarks. He explained the opposition by stating that the banks included in group No. 7 of the Missouri Bankers' association are requested to set aside 5 per cent of their capital stock, which would amount to approximately \$300,000. That this sum be loaned for the purpose of financing the dairy industry in buying mature tested cows to stock the Ozark farms and that the loans be repaid by monthly payments from cream checks, the loan to run for ten years."

"He said if bankers in other sections would adopt this plan it would prove of benefit to all concerned and stimulate the dairy business generally in the sections so favored."

"Mr. Campbell says the dairy business can be increased in this section of Kansas as well as anywhere and it should be. Campbell and his son own the Bide-A-Wee stock farm near Monett, Mo."

GAVE PARTY

Misses Ethel Amber and Isabell Johnston were hostesses at a party Wednesday evening of last week, at the home of Miss Amber, No. 610 Fifth street. The evening passed in playing games and dancing. A dainty one plate lunch was served.

The guests included Misses Thelma Williams, Edna Walton, Vera Peters, Edna Lautaret, Crystal Spratley, Rose Exposito, Maggie Davis, Laura Rice, Florence, Ida and Esther Reynaud, Faye Baum; Messrs. Milton and Walter Reynaud, Vernon Chumbley, Lloyd Shepherd, Victor Carr, Russell Gilbert, Burl Henderson, Carol Donlay, Kenneth Ogden, Leslie Stevenson, Harold Johnston, Fred Steele and Sergeant Ambert Williams, of Camp Pike, Ark.

SHINNY STICKS

"Shinny" is the favorite game of the small boy at present. Two small boys were much interested in the window display of Galloway & Mansfield, in which are some canes. A passer-by heard one of the youngsters say: "Gee, look at the shinny sticks. I bet you could hit with them."

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ruscha will leave Tuesday night for St. Louis to buy for the Ruscha Dry Goods company.